

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 97-057-E - ORDER NO. 2000-0125  
FEBRUARY 4, 2000

IN RE: Request of Carolina Power and Light	) ORDER APPROVING
Company for Approval of Large General	) EXTENSION OF
Service (Experimental – Real Time Pricing)	) AVAILABILITY
Schedule LGS-RTP.	)

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (The "Commission") on the request of Carolina Power & Light Company ("CP&L") to extend the availability of Experimental Schedule LGS-RTP until December 31, 2004.

Experimental Schedule LGS-RTP was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 97-057-E, Order No. 97-130 dated February 18, 1997, as a voluntary tariff. CP&L desires to continue offering this experimental rate and requested the Commission extend the availability of the Experimental Schedule LGS-RTP to December 31, 2004. No other change to the Schedule was requested.

Large General Service (Experimental - Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP has been available on an experimental basis since the Commission approved CP&L's initial request on February 18, 1997, to a limited number of customers to permit CP&L to conduct a thorough evaluation of program costs, administration issues, and customer reaction. CP&L requested and received approval to offer this real time pricing schedule on an experimental basis prior to making a decision on whether or not to introduce it as a permanent tariff so CP&L could

determine potential benefits not available under any of its standard tariffs. As an experimental offering, the Large General Service (Experimental - Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP with contract demand requirements of 1,000 kW or greater has been available to twenty-five (25) CP&L customers.

In its initial request, CP&L submitted that customers may benefit under this rate design by either (1) shifting consumption away from high cost periods or (2) increasing consumption during low cost periods. CP&L submits there is potential benefit in this experimental rate schedule and because it needs more time and the opportunity to collect more complete data in order to determine the potential benefits, the Company now requests an extension of time in which to offer the experimental rate schedule known as Large General Service (Experimental - Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP until December 31, 2004.

After studying this matter, we believe that this tariff has been beneficial to ratepayers and we therefore believe CP&L should be given more time and opportunity to collect more data to be able to fully determine the potential benefits. Upon consideration of this request to extend the availability of Experimental Schedule LGS-RTP until December 31, 2004, the Commission believes that the Large General Service (Experimental - Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. CP&L's Large General Service (Experimental - Real Time Pricing) Schedule LGS-RTP availability is extended until December 31, 2004.
2. CP&L shall file an original and ten (10) copies of the tariff within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order.

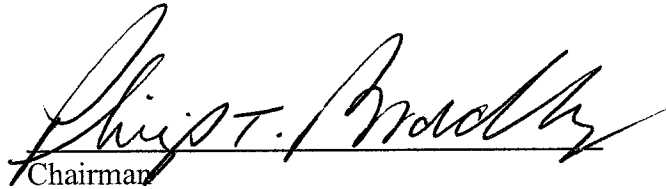
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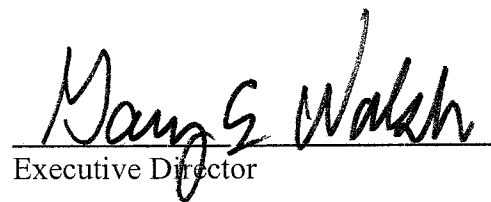
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3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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